

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL

Glory  
TO THE  
newborn  
KING



**GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19, ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7  
LUKE 1:26-35, 38 AND JOHN 1:1-18**

*Let us contemplate the gifts of God this Christmas 2022*

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
DECEMBER 25, 2022**

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CHRISTMAS DAY  
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.  
\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

*Psalm 96:1-2, 8-9, 11-13*

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all the peoples.**

P: Give to the Lord the glory due His Name, bring an offering, and come into His courts.

**C: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.**

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea roar, let the field be joyful!

**C: All the trees of the forest, shout for joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth with righteousness and the peoples with truth.**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!*

### **FIRST LESSON**

### **GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19**

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The Lord GOD said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;

in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*"O Splendor of the Father's Light"*

**SECOND LESSON**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*"Star of Advent"*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

arr. Robert G. Farrell

**ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Pepper Choplin

### THIRD LESSON

LUKE 1:26-35, 38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

*"Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus"*

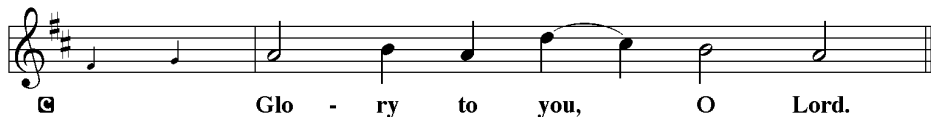
V. S. S. Coles & David Hurd

### \*GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

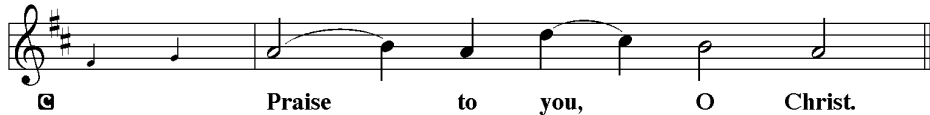
Response after the announcement:



<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of

whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## ANTHEM

*“Sing Joy!”*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Mark Hayes

*Congregation to join in when invited*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!**

*Men:* **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,**

*All:* **O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond* **Hear our prayers.**

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem to save us.

**C: Amen.**



**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er  
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come  
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
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 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then  
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us  
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and  
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.  
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?  
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.  
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.  
 Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director .....	Kathie Riebe
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Assistant Minister .....	Mark Thornburg
Acolyte.....	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer .....	Harry Swindler
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Matt Hoffman

**PARISH NEWS**

*Notes of encouragement for Pastor Charles McManus can be mailed to 728 Klumac Road, Apt. 272-D, Salisbury, NC 28144.*

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST:** If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

**2022 CONTRIBUTIONS:** It’s time to get your 2022 Pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by December 25 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found in the Narthex. For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.

**SEEKING GOD’S VISION TOGETHER:** On *Sunday, January 8 from 10:00 to 12:30 in the Family Life Center*, our Vision Team and our church consultant Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland will guide our fellowship in a visioning process to both understand our core values now and to seek God’s will for the future called Lutheran Chapel Identity and Worship Café. Good food will be provided. Children activities will be offered. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Please save the date and plan to be part of this visioning process.

## DAILY PRAYER

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, **Henry Hoffman**, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, **Zach Brembt**, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, **Jill Dieffenbach**, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, **David Helms**, Wade Huss, Pr. Charles McManus, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

### FEAST OF PSALMS: *Christmas*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>AM</b>	2, 8	29, 34	65, 72	93, 96	99, 100	111, 114	132, 146
<b>PM</b>	9, 19	40, 45	89, 90	97, 98	103, 110	116, 121	147, 148

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 52 December 25to January 1, 2023

<b>12/25</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 16—Evening Reading: Zephaniah
<b>12/26</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 17—Evening Reading: Haggai
<b>12/27</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 18—Evening Reading: Zechariah 1, 2, 3, 4
<b>12/28</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 19—Evening Reading: Zechariah 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>12/29</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 20—Evening Reading: Zechariah 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>12/30</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 21—Evening Reading: Zechariah 13, 14
<b>12/31</b>	Morning Reading: Revelation 22—Evening Reading: Malachi
<b>01/01</b>	Morning Reading: Matthew 1—Evening Reading: Genesis 1, 2, 3

**Songs of Praise:** “*Silent Night*”                      ELW #281  
                                  “*Emmanuel*”                                      W&P #36

**Wednesday Evening Prayer will resume January 11, 2023**

**Story of Salvation Bible Study will resume January 12, 2023**

**Sunday, January 1 ~ Service of Epiphany Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion**

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12

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**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



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### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022**

- Sun-25** 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-26** *Church Office Closed*
- Fri-30** 4:30 pm Private Event (Sanctuary)
- Sat-31** 8 am-12:30 pm Private Event (Sanctuary)

